

News Release

Three U of M Crookston Students Awarded American FFA Degree

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Desiree Carrlson and Cory Detloff received their American FFA Degrees at the National FFA Convention in October.

CROOKSTON, MN (December 8, 2006) – Three sophomores from the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) were awarded their American FFA Degree this fall at the 2006 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Recipients of the prestigious degree were Cory Detloff, Staples-Motley, Minn., Desiree Carrlson, New York Mills, Minn., and Amanda Fickes, Sebeka, Minn.

The American FFA Degree is the highest level an FFA member can achieve as part of the FFA Degree system. Its purpose is to encourage students in their personal growth and achievement as they establish themselves in an agricultural career. Qualifying for the degree requires a serious commitment to agriculture and FFA. Before members can apply for the American FFA Degree, they must have received the preceding degrees in the system: Greenhand, Chapter FFA Degree and State FFA Degree. Only a small percentage of FFA members ever attain the American FFA Degree.

UMC sophomore Brian Pauly, Glenwood, Minn., was also recognized at the convention as a finalist for his work in his Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) area showing proficiency in agricultural processing. Pauly worked at Minnewaska Meats for five years helping him make progress and meet the proficiency necessary to be a finalist in the SAE area.

The mission of the National FFA Organization is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. UMC has the only Collegiate FFA chapter in the state of Minnesota, which allows students to continue developing their skills beyond high school. Students interested in majoring in agricultural education, agricultural business, animal science, agronomy, agricultural systems management, equine science, horticulture or a natural resources area should contact the UMC Admission's Office at 1-800-862-6466 or visit www.UMCrookston.edu for more information.

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